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Assistant Director for Operations

Motor Transportation for Tokyo Bureau, F

1. The Tokyo Bureau, FBIS employs 7 American and 14 native personnel in the performance of its assigned mission. The majority of natives employed are required to live considerable distances from the station. Operations of the station are on a 7-day per week basis with considerable night work required. Public transportation service is generally not available during late evening and early morning hours. GHQ taxi service cannot be used to transport native personnel at any time. It is therefore necessary for the bureau to transport to their homes all such native personnel who are required to work during these hours.

2. In addition to the above described trips for transportation of personnel, frequent administrative trips are required to military offices and installations. These trips are necessary for pickup and delivery of mail and payrolls, procurement of supplies, and visits to Signal Corps installations in connection with the replacement and repair of technical equipment. Komuro Signal Center, where some of the bureau's broadcast programs are received, and which must be visited frequently, is approximately 20 miles from the offices of the bureau.

3. At the present time the Tokyo Bureau has the following vehicles at its disposal:

One jeep owned by FBIS.

One jeep on memorandum receipt from the Army.

Both of these vehicles are badly worn, requiring frequent repairs and inspections. No additional vehicles are available from Army sources. The Bureau Chief has been advised by local Army authorities that the jeep on memorandum receipt will be recalled by the Army at an early date.

4. In order to replace the jeep which will be returned to military authorities, and to meet the present and future transportation needs of the station, a replacement vehicle is required at the earliest practicable date. It is therefore requested that the attached requisition for one station wagon be approved.

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